



# California Energy Commission

“Making Renewables Part Of An Affordable And  
Diverse Electricity System In California”

## Strategies in Solar-Electric Building

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## **Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Renewables Photovoltaics**

- ◆ **RD&D Optimizing Cost / Value of systems**
- ◆ **Powerlight, Commonwealth, Endecon, REDI and SMUD**
- ◆ **BIPV Justification, DG, PV:Bonus, new Solicitation?**



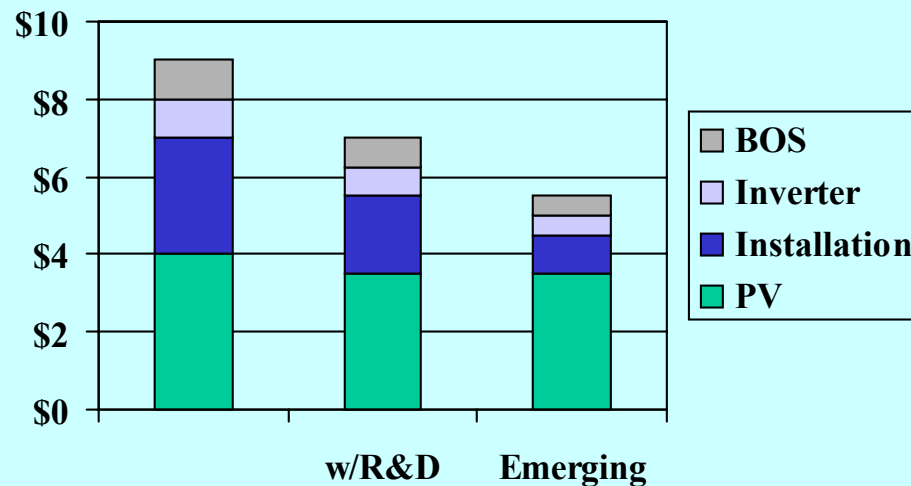
# Cost / Value of PV



## Cost:

**PV Module + Installation + Inverter + BOS  
=System Cost**

**PV System Costs**



## Value:

•~1,800 kWh / year per kW installed PV

•Peak shaving

•Reliability

•Quality, and more....

### Additional BIPV Value:

•Shading value

•Building Material Credit

•Net Metered Retail Value

•Aesthetic value and more...



# 19 SMUD Projects



## PROJECT LIST FOR ASSESSING AND TARGETING RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY DEVELOPMENT

- Project 1.1 Technology Assessment for Advanced Biomass Power Generation – UCD*
- Project 1.2 Photovoltaic Markets and Technologies – Solar Electric power Assoc.*
- Project 1.3 Utility System Capacity and Customer Demand Value of PV – NREL*
- Project 1.4 Performance Indexing of PV Systems – TBD*
- Project 1.5 Assessment of Worst-Case Weather Conditions – TBD*

## PROJECT LIST FOR INCREASING AFFORDABILITY BY IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES

- Project 2.1 Accelerated Anaerobic Composting for Energy Generation – Yolo County Landfill*

## PROJECT LIST FOR EXPANDING AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY USING RENEWABLE DISTRIBUTED TECHNOLOGIES

- Project 3.1 Laminate & Batten Roofing System – Uni-Solar*
- Project 3.2 BIPV Mounting Approaches for New Construction – Schott Applied Science*
- Project 3.3 Mainstreaming PV for Residential Roofs – Power Light*
- Project 3.4 Flat Roof Mounting Approaches – Schott Applied Power*
- Project 3.5 Optimization of Residential PV Systems – Astro Power*
- Project 3.6 Remote Dispatch & PV Irrigation – TBD*
- Project 3.7 PV & Evaporative Cooling – Jenrus Corp.*
- Project 3.8 Solar Dish Concentrating with Stirling Engine - SAIC*

## PROJECT LIST FOR DEVELOPING RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES FOR TOMORROW'S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

- Project 4.1 Non-Vacuum Thin-Film CIGS Modules - Unisun*
- Project 4.2 Maximum Power Point Tracker Inverter Development - SMA*
- Project 4.3 Hybrid PV/Lighting System – Oak Ridge Nat. Lab*
- Project 4.4 Slat Array Concentrator – Sergei Vasylyev*
- Project 4.5 Distributed Generation Geartrain for Megawatt Turbines – Dehl*



# The Beauty of the SMUD Award for PV



- ◆ Resource assessment, BIPV systems development, CSP, module manufacturing, quantification of performance and value, and connecting to the market are the path to making PV more affordable in California.
- ◆ The technology developers, SMUD and the CEC all have a vested interest for success of these PV RD&D projects.



## For Non-Building Integrated



### PV installations:

- ◆ Land needs to be purchased
- ◆ Permits needs to be pulled
- ◆ Land needs clearing
- ◆ Mounting structures need to be erected
- Holes needs to be dug
- Concrete needs to be poured
- Electrical lines need to be strung in conduit
- Connections to the existing utility are needed
- Transformers and switching gear are needed
- A fence is needed



**Notice the Photovoltaics isn't even mentioned yet!**





# BIPV makes economic sense

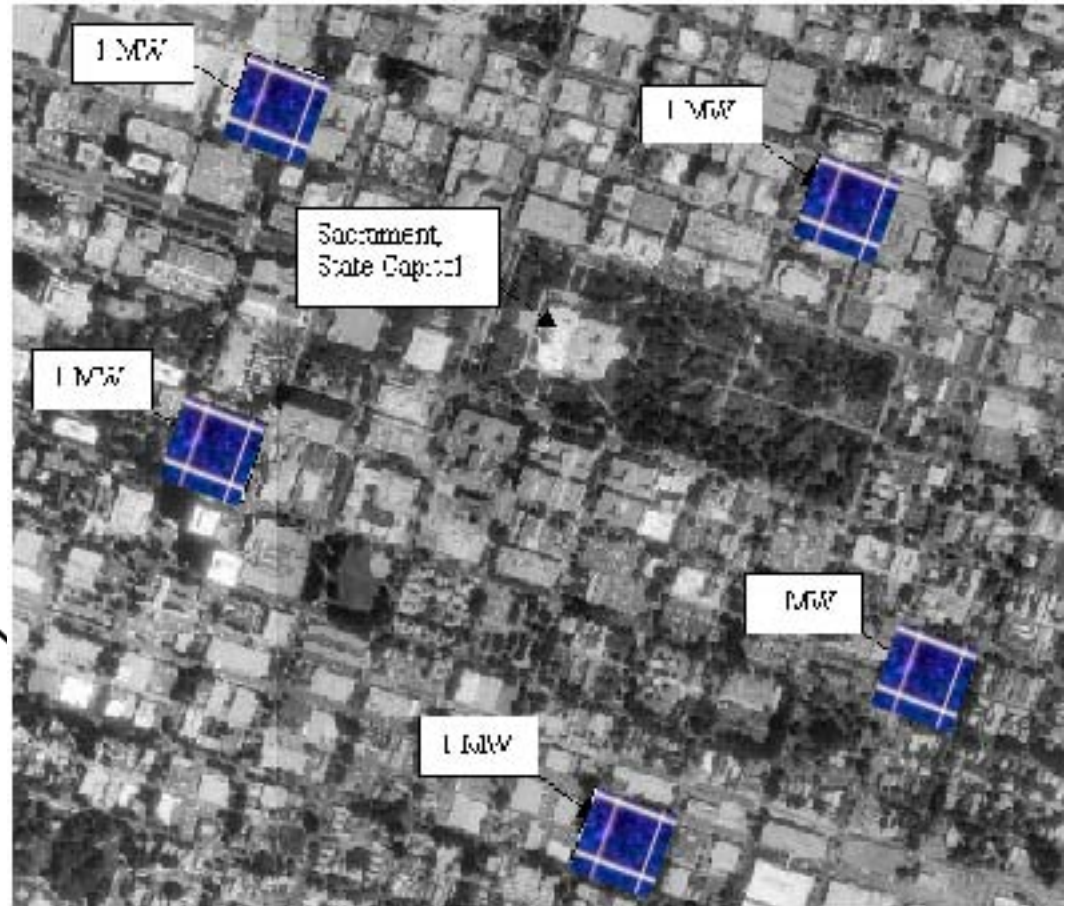
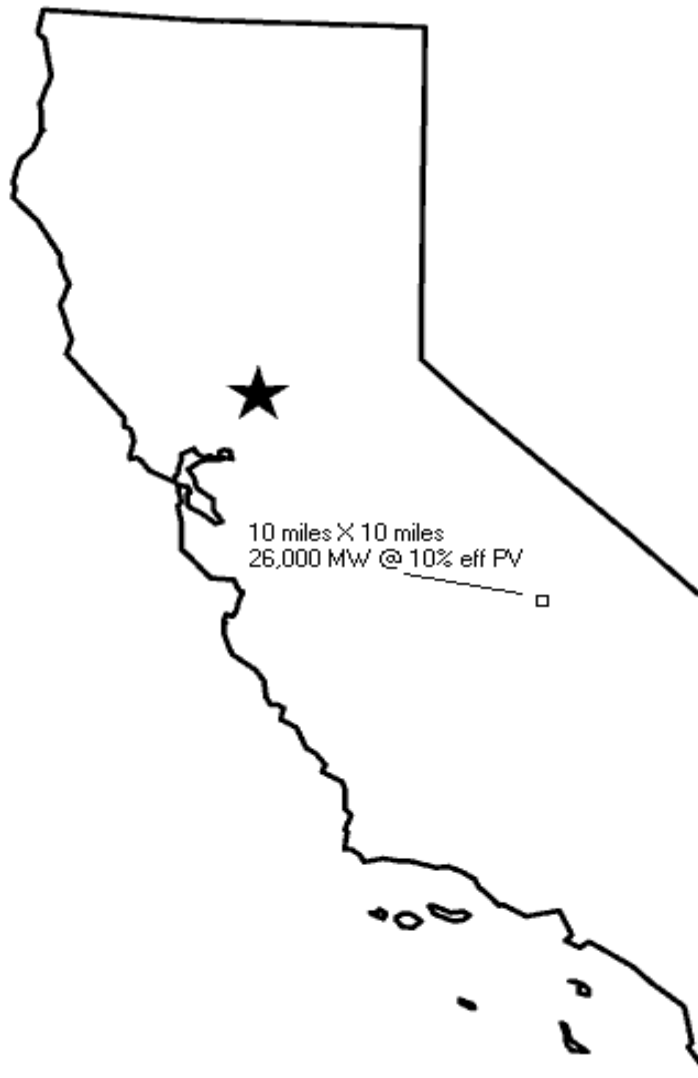


- ◆ With a building you have already:
- ◆ Purchased the land
- ◆ Paid for permits
- ◆ Have electrical equipment
- ◆ Don't need a fence around equipment.
- ◆ Most importantly, with net metering, you get the retail value of the electricity produced!





# DG Potential of PV on Buildings







# Successful PV: Bonus Projects



Figure 3. AC PV modules



Figure 4. Architectural PV glazing system



Figure 4: Prototype Phototherm product adjacent to thermal-only collector on test.



Figure 5. PV-integrated modular homes



Figure 6. Rooftop PV systems

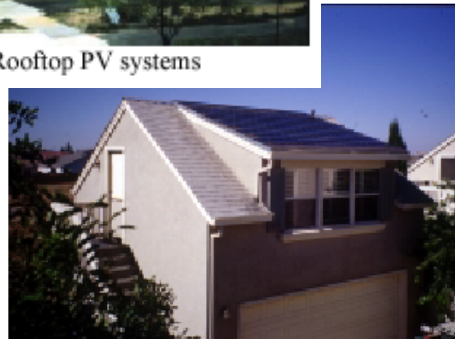


Figure 7. Sunslates manufactured by Atlantis Energy

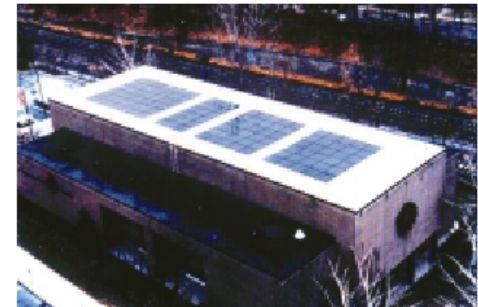


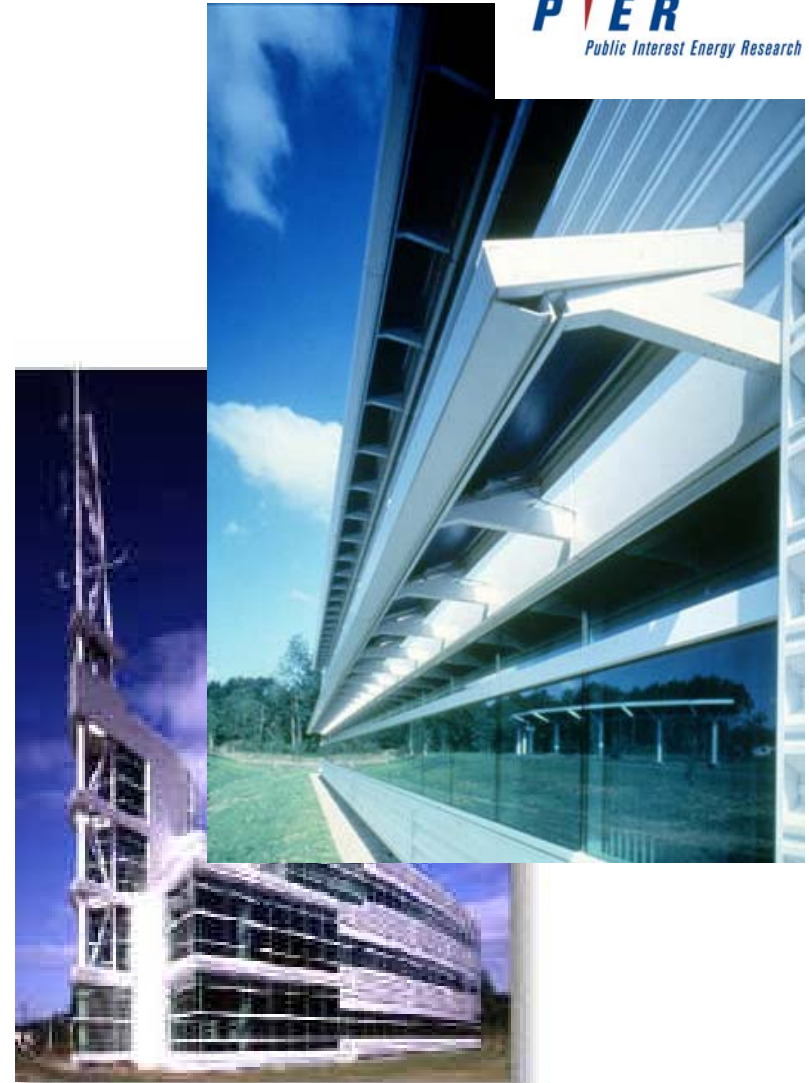
Figure 8. PowerGuard roof tiles manufactured by PowerLight



# BIPV Solicitation



- ◆ Developing PIER Renewables and Buildings RD&D Solicitation on BIPV whole building efficiency and energy production through PV's that shade and insulate.
- ◆ Industry input / DOE Workshop



<http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/PIER/index.html>